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BAIRD, Matthew

N 20-190-83
8 Sept. 1955
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Director of Training; Member representing DD/S on CIA Selection Board, 1 July 1955 through 30 June 1956.

Same info; 1 July 1956 to 30 June 1957

N 20-190-107
7 July 1956

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BAIRD, Matthew

N 20-190-60
16 Feb. 1955
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Appointed Director of Training, Office of DD/S, effective 16 Feb. 1955.

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BAIRD, Matthew

N 20-190-44
5 August 1954
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Director of Training, appointed voting member of CIA Selection Board
for period 1 July 1954 to 30 June 1955.

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BAIRD, Matthew

N 20-190-6
1 July 1953
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Appointed Advisor for Office of Training, CIA Professional Selection
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WASHINGTON STAR

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Matthew Baird Dies; Retired CIA Official

Matthew Baird, 70, who retired in 1965 as director of training for the Central Intelligence Agency, died Tuesday at his home in Bethany Beach, Del.

Mr. Baird was a colonel in the Army Air Force during World War II. During the Korean war he was on active duty in the Air Force, detailed to CIA.

He became director of training in 1951 and continued to hold the position after leaving military service. Starting with a minimal training program and organization, Mr. Baird made proposals that led to establishment of a training institution within the CIA.

When he retired, Mr. Baird was presented the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the CIA's highest award.

Mr. Baird was born in Ardmore, Pa. He was a graduate of Princeton University and also received a bachelor's degree in literature at Balliol College, Oxford. From 1930 to 1937 he was headmaster of the Arizona Desert School in Tucson.



MATTHEW BAIRD

In the late 1930s he was a research economist for the Sun Oil Co. in Philadelphia and from 1940 to 1942 and 1945 to 1950 he owned and operated the Ruby Star Ranch in Tucson, specializing in Brahman cattle.

Mr. Baird leaves two nieces and a nephew.

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Thursday, Oct. 5, 1972 THE WASHINGTON POST

Matthew Baird, Headed CIA Training Program



MATTHEW BAIRD

Matthew Baird, 70, retired director of training for the Central Intelligence Agency, died Tuesday at his home in Bethany Beach, Del.

Born in Ardmore, Pa., Mr. Baird was a graduate of Haverford School in Haverford, Pa., and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Princeton University. He also held a bachelor's degree in literature from Balliol College, Oxford.

He was headmaster of the Arizona Desert School in Tucson from 1930 to 1937, then worked for three years as a research economist with the Sun Oil Co. in Philadelphia.

Mr. Baird owned and operated the Ruby Star Ranch in Tucson from 1940 to 1942, then served as a colonel in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He returned to the Ruby Star in 1945, where he became a recognized authority on Brahman cattle. He had another tour of duty with the Air Force from 1950 to 1953, during which time he was detailed to CIA.

The then CIA director, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith asked Mr. Baird in 1951 to join the agency as director of training, with the task of further organizing and developing a training program worldwide in scope.

Until his retirement in 1965, Mr. Baird initiated and implemented proposals that led to the creation of what is considered an outstanding training institution within the CIA. At the time of his retirement, he was presented the CIA's highest award, the Distinguished

BAIRD, COL. MATTHEW, USAF

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Director of Training, DDA (listed)	CIA GO 38	1 Dec 50
DTR, O/DCI (listed)	N P-1-52	3 Mar 52
Acting Assistant Director, Personnel (appointed effective 16 Apr 52)	N P-7 52	14 Apr 52
DTR, DDS (assigned to the newly established DDS - See N 1-100-1, 3 Feb 55)	N 20-190-60	16 Feb 55

22 Nov 65

retired as of 30 Dec 65.]

DIED 3 OCT 1972

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